

# House File 176 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a twice exceptional  
2 student task force and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   TWICE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT TASK FORCE AND  
2   REPORTS.

3     1.   For purposes of this section, "twice exceptional  
4   student" means a student who is a gifted and talented child,  
5   as defined in section 257.44, and who also has a physical,  
6   intellectual, learning, or other disability, including but  
7   not limited to a behavioral, emotional, or autism spectrum  
8   disorder.

9     2.   The department of education shall establish a twice  
10   exceptional student task force to identify best practices for  
11   the education of twice exceptional middle and high school  
12   students and to promote such practices in Iowa schools. The  
13   department may employ consultants to carry out the duties of  
14   the task force.

15    3.   a.   Members of the task force shall be appointed by  
16   the director of the department of education and shall include  
17   school administrators, school board members, middle and high  
18   school teachers, area education agency personnel, parents  
19   of twice exceptional middle and high school students, and a  
20   representative from a teacher preparation program approved  
21   by the state board of education pursuant to section 256.7,  
22   subsection 3.

23    b.   The task force shall also include two ex officio members  
24   of each house of the general assembly. One member each shall  
25   be selected by the majority leader of the senate and by the  
26   minority leader of the senate, and one member each shall be  
27   selected by the speaker of the house of representatives and by  
28   the minority leader of the house of representatives. Members  
29   of the general assembly shall be entitled to receive per diem  
30   and necessary travel and actual expenses pursuant to section  
31   2.10, subsection 5, while carrying out their official duties  
32   as members of the task force.

33    4.   The task force shall submit a report on its findings to  
34   the general assembly by January 30, 2016. The task force shall  
35   submit a report on recommended best practices for the education

1 of twice exceptional middle and high school students to the  
2 director of the department of education by March 1, 2016. The  
3 director shall provide the report electronically to all middle  
4 and high schools and area education agencies in this state and  
5 shall post the report on the department's internet site.

6       Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the  
7 general fund of the state to the department of education for  
8 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,  
9 2016, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,  
10 to be used for the purposes designated:

11 For the twice exceptional student task force to be  
12 established pursuant to this Act:

13 ..... \$ 200,000

14 EXPLANATION

15           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill requires the department to establish a twice  
18 exceptional student task force to identify best practices for  
19 the education of twice exceptional middle and high school  
20 students and to promote such practices in Iowa schools.

21 The bill defines "twice exceptional student" as a student  
22 who is a gifted and talented child, as defined in Code section  
23 257.44, and who also has a physical, intellectual, learning, or  
24 other disability, including but not limited to a behavioral,  
25 emotional, or autism spectrum disorder.

26 The bill provides for the membership of the task force,  
27 which shall be appointed by the director of the department  
28 of education. The task force shall also include ex officio  
29 legislative members.

30 The task force must submit a report on its findings to the  
31 general assembly by January 30, 2016. The task force must  
32 submit a report on recommended best practices for the education  
33 of twice exceptional middle and high school students to the  
34 director of the department of education by March 1, 2016. The  
35 director must provide the report to all Iowa middle and high

1 schools and area education agencies and post the report on the  
2 department's internet site.

3     The bill appropriates \$200,000 to the department in fiscal  
4 year 2015-2016 for the task force.